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Hon. L. A. Taschereau,
Premier, Province of Quebec,
Quebec, Que.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:-

I have been asked to bespeak your interest and favourable consideration of a proposal which will shortly be laid before you in your capacity as Attorney General of the Province as well as its Prime Minister.

I need not remind you that the statute enabling law students to enter the practice of law after three years requires a student to study regularly and without interruption during ordinary office hours and at the same time to follow a regular course of law in a University or college of this Province. A number of lawyers who are interested in the instruction of juniors have for some time past been giving very serious thought to the provision referred to and have come to the conclusion that not only is literal compliance quite impossible, owing to the length of present day office hours, but that the student is not receiving the best possible training at the University, is not obtaining the benefit from the office which he should obtain and is, as a matter of fact, of very little value to the office itself. It has been represented to me that the student would receive much more efficient teaching where he to be allowed to spend three complete years at the University and one complete year in an office. It is proposed by those who are putting forward the plan that an addition might be made to the Bar Act providing for this. A rough draft of such an addition has been given to me and I am appending a copy. I have been told that the plan has the